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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE ON SECRETARY'S MEETING
 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN GENEVA

1. PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW CONTAINS TEXT OF MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE THAT WILL BE ISSUED SATURDAY, MAY 21, AT END OF MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN GENEVA. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED IN YOUR DISCRETION TO MAKE TEXT AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT COMMUNIQUE REFLECTS OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT THIS YEAR. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE AND SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO DIRECT OUR JOINT EFFORTS TOWARD CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS FALL, WHILE RECOGNIZING AT SAME TIME THE NEED TO MAKE CAREFUL PREPARATIONS BEFORE CONFERENCE BEGINS. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES AND DOES NOT DEAL WITH EITHER PROCEDURAL OR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF SETTLEMENT PROCESS, WHICH MUST BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES THEMSELVES.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A. A. GROMYKO AND C. VANCE ALSO HAD A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM OF THE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

BOTH SIDES PROCEED ON THE PREMISE THAT ELIMINATION OF THE CONTINUING SOURCE OF TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE PRIMARY TASKS IN ENSURING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL AN IMPORTANT ROLE BELONGS TO THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM SPECIFICALLY SET UP TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

HAVING CONFIRMED THAT MUTUAL EFFORTS OF THE USSR AND THE USA, WHO ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, ARE OF SUBSTANTIAL IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING A JUST, DURABLE AND STABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SIDES AGREED TO DIRECT THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TOWARD RESUMING THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE DURING THE FALL OF 1977, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE MEETS. FOR THESE PURPOSES THE U.S. AND THE USSR WILL BE CONDUCTING MONTHLY CONSULTATIONS AT THE LEVEL OF AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW. THEY AGREED TOO THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING

IN THIS DIRECTION ALSO IN THEIR CONTACTS WITHE THE PARTIES
IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

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